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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: COUNTRY PROBLEM ASSESSMENT PAPERS

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF A PAPER DESCRIBING NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN YOUR COUNTRY AS IT RELATES TO UNITED STATES DRUG SCENE. TREAT THIS AS SECRET-NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION. THIS IS AN INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT WHICH HAS JUST BEEN PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH FY 1976 PROGRAM REVIEWS. ANY COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ARISING FROM MISSION NARCOTICS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THIS PAPER SHOULD BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY CABLE. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE AT MEXICO CITY REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCE MAY ALSO WISH DISCUSS THIS ASSESSMENT PAPER WITH WASHINGTON REPS THERE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: SIGNIFICANCE: BRAZIL IS PROBABLY AN IMPORTANT, THOUGH NOT MAJOR, BASE OF OPERATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS. TRAFFICKING OF HEROIN AND COCAINE TAKES PLACE IN BRAZIL'S LARGER CITIES, ESPECIALLY RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAO PAULO, BUT CURRENT EVIDENCE DOES NOT INDICATE THAT LARGE MOVEMENTS ARE INVOLVED.

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PROBLEMS: SHOULD TRAFFICKERS ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA

DECIDE TO CONDUCT THEIR OPERATIONS IN BRAZIL THEY WOULD FIND CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO THE MOVEMENT OF NARCOTICS; IMMENSE TERRITORY, COMMON BORDERS WITH COCAINE PRODUCING COUNTRIES, AND A COMPLEX OF AIR, LAND, AND SEA LINKS TO SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, AND THE US.

ASSESSMENT: BRAZIL'S POTENTIAL FOR BECOMING A MAJOR TRAFFICKING AND TRANSSHIPMENT POINT IS HIGH. AUTHORITIES, HOWEVER, GIVE EVERY INDICATION OF BEING WILLING TO COOPERATE IN EFFORTS TO ERADICATE TRAFFICKING. THE BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE HAVE BROKEN SEVERAL IMPORTANT NARCOTICS CASES IN THE PAST. POLICE COOPERATION WITH THE US ON ANTI-NARCOTICS MATTERS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF AND ATTEMPTING TO ELIMINATE THE INVOLVEMENT OF SOME OF THEIR PERSONNEL, BOTH IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND OTHER FORMS OF CORRUPTION. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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